Tapline’s Beirut tennis team faces the camera with the Noble Cup presented by Executive Vice President W. E. Locher. From left, seated, are team captain H. Janotta, Mrs. D. S. Dodge, Mrs. W. G. Ewing and Mr. Locher; and standing, Mr. Dodge, G. F. Heide, Mr. Ewing, J. G. Salm, S. Freiha, J. J. Kelberer and A. Ziady. Not available for the photograph were G. Ziady and M. Ajbar. (More pictures are on pages 4 and 5).

BEIRUT TENNIS TEAM CLINCHES NOBLE CUP

Tapline’s Beirut racquetsters trounced their Arabian counterparts 15-6 in the annual three-day Noble Cup Tennis Tournament played on the Tapline Sporting Club tennis courts Oct. 8-10. The two teams contested a total of 21 matches—six men’s singles, three mixed doubles and 12 mixed doubles. The Arabian team scored three victories in the singles through Nour Abdallah and three others in the men’s doubles, the Beirut squad sweeping all the other 15 matches.

The Noble Cup was presented to Howard Janotta, captain of the Beirut team in 1962 and the Arabian team in 1963. Tapliners on the Beirut winning team were H. Janotta, M. Ajbar, S. Freiha, J. G. Salm, W. G. Ewing, G. Ziady, G. F. Heide, A. Ziady, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dodge. Nour Abdallah, M. Khairallah, Abdallah Falah, M. Moussa, M. A. Kearney, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Putnam, Dr. H. Wanna, J. Obeid, Mr. and Mrs. Scharen and M. Scharen were on the ‘Line squad.

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ROAD CREW IS HALFWAY TO RAFHA

Asphalt treatment of the 826-kilometer pipeline road between Qaisumah and Rafha continues to progress at a good pace. By Oct. 23, the Road Improvement Program crew had applied the first armor coat on 148 kilometers westward from Qaisumah. The prime coating had been applied on 139 kilometers; initial shaping and grading had been completed on 175 kilometers.

Since work on the pipeline road reached the mid-point of the 300-kilometer Qaisumah-Rafha stretch, a portable house has been recently moved from Qaisumah to Km. 206 to supplement four trailers in providing living accommodations for the RIP crew. In early October, a test run with the turbine trailer and its 210-ton load was made on the improved road section in the vicinity of Shubah with very satisfactory results. Starting and stopping tests with acceleration up to 24 kilometers per hour were performed.
As one of the first handful of professionals hired by Tapline, Muhammad A. Youssef, Services Foreman, Qaryatain, has been able to witness the transformation of a plan on paper into the physical reality that the pipeline is today.

"As Mu’s Ma’ser," as his friends called him, began work as a journeyman at the "Angle Point Camp" in Jordan in October 1947. He was laid off during the Palestine hostilities in June 1948 and rejoined on Feb. 11, 1950 in the same capacity at the Madinah camp in Jordan.

By the time the move to Qaryatain had been affected in March 1951, Muhammad had been promoted to foreman.

During his 13-year stint at Qaryatain, Muhammad observed construction of the camp's ten-foot diameter, semi-permanent concrete (housing the bachelor's living quarters, recreation hall, cantine lounge, library, kitchen and dining room) and its industrial area (including the only semi-mobile, non-portable turbine pumping unit on the line, oil surge tanks, fuel, for coolers, water treating plant, VHF communication system and the administration, warehouse and office building).

Muhammad's responsibilities increased as the camp developed. In early 1952, he was promoted to Head Foreman (Labor) and, two years later, to Supervisor (Qaryatain). He became Services Foreman on April 10, 1957 and has served in that capacity with Administration and General Community Services, Operations Department and Operations-Engineering Department.

Born in Taybi, Jordan, in 1925, Muhammad attended secondary schools at the Iftar government school. From 1940 and until his first employment with Tapline, he managed a N.A.A.F.I. (Nestor) camp in Jordan.

Our Spotlight Man and Mrs. Youssef are the proud parents of five children—Mu'ser, 12, Musa, six, Jamie, four, and Bahia, one.

The Lochers have four children: Ralph, 25; John, 23; Anne, 21; and John, 11.

Executive Vice President Walter E. Locher reached a score and ten years of service with Tapline, affiliated and parent companies on Sept. 4. Executive Vice President W. E. Locher (left) presents a gold vermeil watch and a pin, set with the Tapline insignia and a diamond, by President William R. Chandler. (Photo by Lisa Bros.)

Locher Receives 30-Year Award

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Dr. Marcel N. Prince, formerly of Tapline, serving as umpire during the Noble Cup matches at the Tapline Sporting Club.

G. F. Heide (left) and J. G. Salm in action. The Heide-Salm tandem scored two match points for the Beirut team in the men’s doubles by defeating Nour-Kearney 6-3, 6-1 and Khairallah-Kearney 6-1, 3-6 and 6-3.

A trophy banquet at the Tapline Sporting Club wound up the annual Noble Cup Tennis Tournament. J. J. Kelberer served as Master of Ceremonies during the function.

Beirut team captain Howard Janotta (left) receives the Noble Cup from Executive Vice President W. E. Locher.

Nour Abdallah scored three wins for the Arabian squad in the singles. On Oct. 8, he crushed Mike Aher 6-1, 6-3. The following day, he overwhelmed Shamsi Furesh 6-1, 6-4. On the last day of the tournament, he downed David Dodge 6-0, 1-6 and 7-5.

Nour Abdallah receives the Joe Sayegh Trophy for outstanding sportsmanship from Executive Vice President W. E. Locher.


Players and attendance at the Tapline Sporting Club.
Sidon

Sidon Terminal employees bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hearn at a surprise party Oct. 13. Mr. Hearn, who was Assistant Superintendent, Shore Area, has transferred to Qaisumah as Station Superintendent. He will be replaced here by James F. Chaplin, who is currently on vacation. During Mr. Chaplin's absence from Sidon, John H. Arnold will be relieving as Assistant Superintendent, Shore Area.

Assistant Foreman — Opera tions Blanket: Rabei returned late Oct. 13 from a special three-week assignment at the Oil Dispatch Office in Beirut. The welcoming mat is out for Ted Skoff and Jumab Abu-Hadi who joined the terminal's ranks as junior on Oct. 1.

Communications Technician Rabi Hanna is of to Qaryatain on Sept. 30 when they completed 2,292 work-days without a lost-time disabling injury. (Photo by Near)

Central storehouse employees at Turaif set an enviable safety record on Sept. 30 when they completed 2,292 work-days without a lost-time disabling injury. (Photo by Near)

Rafia

Robert D. Haney, Foreman, Operations, Rafia, recently attended a three-day session of the Fire School at the Arcild Compound, Marneouth, Damascus. He was one of a group of about 25 men who attended the session from all over the United States. Fire School materials include the latest in advanced fire fighting techniques. Most of their time at school was spent in fighting actual fires, ranging from small gasoline spills from 100 square foot fires and 50 gallon grass fires to big fires.

Good luck to Kiousah on his recent engagement in Jaffa.

Four-year-old Benidict Salim is now a student in the kindergarten in the Tapline School for Boys.

Salamat to Vinoy C. Hill, R. H. Davis and Ross C. Hill, Motor Transport, Central Facilities on their recent transfer to Beirut.

Tapliners have recently received C. E. Beasley, on inspection from American Maintenance Foreman, and Maher Ottam, a junior from the tapline Department.

Employees in Rafia have received C. E. Olsens, C. Van Locher, and Mike Babb, Gene Christner, Steve Soley, Mel Paris, and Dakhil Muhammad.

The welcoming mat is out for Moussa Soulban, his replacement from Badanah.


Good luck to Maurice Nasser, currently on vacation Oct. 5 and resumed his responsibilities as Station Superintendent, Shore Area.

Assistant Superintendent, Shore Area.

John H. Arnold is relieving at Sidon as Assistant Superintendent, Shore Area. E. J. Wright is relieving Mr. Arnold here as Station Superintendent.

Our hats are tipped in honor of Emile Azar, Antoine Ahamar and Mos Mos Sucka who have recently joined the nursing staff of the Rafia Hospital. The three newcomers had recently graduated from the Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Tripoli, Lebanon.

Rafia's welcoming wagon has also received C. E. Beasley, on transfer from American Maintenance Foreman, and Maher Ottam, a junior from the tapline Department.

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TAPLINE'S RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER SAVES DIVER'S LIFE

Tapline's single compartment Recompression Chamber and about 37 hours of non-stop attendance by Capt. A. D. Odegard, Assistant Superintendent—Marine, and D. A. Schipper, Marine Maintenance Foreman, recently saved the life of a 16-year-old diver from Sarafand, South Lebanon.

The young man had been spear fishing at a purported depth of 35 meters and had reportedly dived and surfaced three times within about one hour, neglecting proper decompression.

Shortly after his last ascent, the diver reported symptoms of "Compressed Air Illness" and was finally taken to Dr. L. Abu Zahr's hospital in Sidon.

As the illness is caused by the liberation of bubbles of gas which may form in any part of the body or block any of the blood vessels, it can take many different forms, but its cause is always the same, namely transition from a higher to a lower atmospheric pressure. In deep sea diving, the diver decompressing himself in ascending and it is this gradual decompression that is the most important factor in the prevention or relief of illness caused by the formation of bubbles of nitrogen in the blood.

Thus, Compressed Air Illness would not occur during a diver's descent, or while he was on the bottom, but it might appear during his ascent or after he had reached the surface.

The formation of bubbles in the blood and tissues may cause symptoms of a cardiac origin, such as pain in the chest and pressure in the head. Absence of oxygen supply may occur and change to a cramp-like sensation or to a sharp sudden pain in the chest. The blood and tissues may form a clot or clot, but, far better, by subjecting him to increased air pressure in a Recompression Chamber.

When Dr. Abu Zahr requested to use Sidon Terminal's Recompression Chamber at 2100 hours, Sept. 26, bubbles had formed in the patient's spinal cord, leading to paralysis of the legs.

The patient was admitted into the company recompression chamber, the only one available in South Lebanon, with a little delay as possible after his arrival at the terminal at 2113 hours.

Tapline had acquired the recompression chamber from Siebe, Gorman and Co. Ltd., Cheshing- ton, Surrey, England, in February 1962.

The cylindrical chamber is 34 inches in diameter and about seven feet long—just large enough to contain a man lying down, and fitted with a door through which he can pass. Hinged bolts and captive nuts keep the cast light alloy door pressure tight.

Mounted on the inside of the chamber door is a breathing apparatus of the demand valve type with an external connection for the attachment of an oxygen supply.

Suitable connections are arranged for the attachment of pipes from the control panel, comprising a pressure gauge registering the inlet pressure, a decompression control valve, a pressure and depth gage, a connection for high pressure cylinders, and a connection from the compressor for ventilating the chamber.

The chamber has additional conveniences such as a telephone connection and two glass windows through which the occupant can watch.

Seven valuable hours had elapsed between the time the Sarafand diver had surfaced and the time he was put in the chamber for recompression—finally, to squeeze the gas bubbles in his body into such a small size that they no longer cause trouble and secondly, to drive the gas back into solution and so cause the total disappearance of bubbles.

The pressure in the chamber was raised by a compressor mounted on the terminal's diving launch.

The pressure was raised to 45 pounds per square inch—the highest attainable in the Tapline chamber.

Slow and cautious reduction of pressure according to the adopted Treatment Decompression Table started thereafter.

At 0400, Sept. 27, the patient was able to move his left leg. Chamber pressure at this time was 26.7 psi. Between 1845 and 2240 hours, Sept. 27, the patient reported he could move both legs.

Pressure in the chamber had been reduced to atmospheric at 0648 hours, Sept. 28, when the door was opened and the grateful and smiling man was allowed to get out after spending 36 hours and 40 minutes in the chamber.

Capt. Odegard and Mr. Schipper were in constant attendance throughout the "rescue operation." Tapline Diver Abdulilah Anoud observed the consequences of not following decompression safety rules and assisted in attending the patient. All have been commended for a "well-done" job.